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A
DECLARATION
AND
ORDER
OF HIS
HIGHNES COUNCILL
IN
SCOTLAND,

Requiring all Persons to give due O-
bedience to the

JUSTICES of Peace

In Execution of the Powers and Authorities
given them by the INSTRUCTIONS
heercunto annexed.

Wednesday the Twelf day of December,, 1655.

At His Highnesse Councill in Edinburgh,

O Rdered, That this Declaration be forth-with Printed and
Published.

EMANUELL DOWNING, Cl. of the Councill.

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THE said Conncill having taken into
 their serious consideration how much
 it may conduce to the peace and good
 of this Nation, That Iustices of Peace
 should be setled and re-established in
 every County and Shyre therof; And
 finding that by severall Acts of the
 Parliament of *Scotland*, the said Office
 hath been found needfull, and was appointed and establi-
 shed for preserving of the publick Peace, and suppressing
 and punishing of sundry Misdemeanours, have found it ne-
 cessary for the good Government of this Nation, to ap-
 poynt certain Persons of Ability and Fidelity in every
 County and Shire in *Scotland* to be Iustices of his Highnes
 the Lord Protectors Peace; Which being accordinglie
 done: The Council have thought it fit hereby to declare,
 That they have given Cōmissions to such persons to be Cō-
 missioners and Iustices of his Highnesse Peace in the sayd

Counties respectively, and authorized them to put in execution all the Powers and Authorities committed to them by certain Instructions which were agreed on by the Council, Printed by their Order, and are heereunto annexed. And as the Council do expect that the Persons intrusted, as aforesaid, be carefull in the good discharge of the Trust reposed in them for the Peace and happiness of the Nation; so the Council will vpon all occasions give them all due Countenance and Encouragement therein: And the Council do heereby strictly require all People of this Nation, whom it may concern, to take notice and be observant of the said Instructions (in what to them respectively appertaineth) as the Contemners or Contraveners thereof will answer the contrary at their perils. And to the end that that no person may pretend ignorance of them, The Council do heereby Order, That this Declaration, with the said printed Copies of the said Instructions, be forthwith Published at the Marcate Cross of *Edinburgh*, and in the head Burgh or Town of each Shire in *Scotland*, by the respective Sheriffs of the said Shires.

Given at *Edinburgh* the Twelfth day of *December*, 1655.

Wednesday, the 12 day of December, 1655.

At His Highness Council in *Edinburgh*.

Ordered, That the above Declaration be forthwith Printed and published.

EMANUEL DOWNING, Cl. of the Council,